



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Falls Church City Civil War Day in Cherry Hill Park**

**Saturday, May 20, 2006**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - The City of Falls Church will host Civil War Day -- a living-history event depicting the Falls Church homefront during the Civil War -- on Saturday, May 20, 2006. This free event will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cherry Hill Park, located at 312 Park Ave. in Falls Church City.

Check out drilling and firing demonstrations, period music, and free admission to the Civil War era farmhouse throughout the day. Featured events include:

**Civilians Under Siege** – Listen to true stories of residents who first fled the Confederate army and returned to find Union soldiers encamped in their fields.

**The Life of a Soldier** – Discover life in camp, hear soldiers' letters home, and explore medical practices.

**Spy Stories - High & Low** – Learn about local spies arrested in town and Thaddeus Lowe's aerial surveillance from his balloon launched in Falls Church.

**Ladies Rally to the Cause** – Experience a living-history demonstration of the Ladies Sanitary Commission.

**Children's Activities** – Games and drilling exercises.

**Civil War Keepsake Jewelry** – A demonstration of the popular 19<sup>th</sup> century practice of making jewelry from a loved one's hair.

**Local Civil War Sites Bus Tour** - 10:30 a.m. Call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711) for reservations.

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**Featured events (continued):**

**Box Lunch and Concert on the Patio** – Advanced tickets for lunch can be ordered by calling 703-248-5171 (TTY 711).

For more information, please call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711). This event is sponsored by the Victorian Society of Falls Church, the Falls Church Historical Commission, and the Falls Church City Recreation & Parks Division.

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